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RECIPROCITY

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Class	Fee	No. Applications	Validity
A-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
A-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
A-3 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
B-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
B-1/B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
C-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
C-1/D	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
C-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
C-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
D	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
E-1 [2]	NO TREATY	N/A	N/A
E-2 [2]	NO TREATY	N/A	N/A
F-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
F-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-5 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
H-1B	\$25.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-1C	\$25.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-2A	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-2B	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-3	\$25.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-4	\$25.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
I	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
J-1 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
J-2 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
K-1	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
K-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
L-1	\$25.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
L-2	\$25.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
M-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
M-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
N-8	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
N-9	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
NATO 1-7	N/A	N/A	N/A
O-1	\$25.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]

O-2	\$25.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
O-3	\$25.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-1	\$25.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-2	\$25.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-3	\$25.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-4	\$25.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
Q-1 [6]	\$25.00	MULTIPLE	15 MONTHS [3]
R-1	\$25.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
R-2	\$25.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
S-5 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-6 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-7 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
T-1 [9]	N/A	N/A	N/A
T-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
T-3	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
T-4	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
TD [5]	N/A	N/A	N/A
V-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
V-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]
V-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]

SPECIAL CLEARANCE AND ISSUANCE PROCEDURES

(TL:VISA-212; 10-04-2000)

Posts with CLASS capability should not send IV clearance requests to Guatemala unless a CLASS check indicates derogatory information on the file there.

DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS

Police Record

(TL:VISA-212; 10-04-2000)

Available. Application should be made by the applicant in person to Police Headquarters (Direccion General de la Policia Nacional).

Court Record

(TL:VISA-212; 10-04-2000)

Available. Application should be made to the Supreme Court by the alien. Request should include the name and number of the court pronouncing judgment.

Prison Record

(TL:VISA-212; 10-04-2000)

Unavailable.

Military Record

(TL:VISA-212; 10-04-2000)

Available. Officers and specialists may obtain their records from the Defense Ministry. Conscripts may obtain their records from the military zone base where they served.

Birth Certificate

(TL:VISA-212; 10-04-2000)

Available. Birth records are maintained since September 19, 1877. Records are relatively complete in Guatemala City, but less so in some outlying towns, especially in the areas affected by the civil war. The interested party should send a request to the Registro Civil (Civil Registry) in the place of applicant's birth or town nearest to it. The request should mention the numbers of the libro (book), folio (page) and partida (registration) under which the birth was recorded. Cost is up to Q5.00 (about USD one), depending on the town in which the record is registered. In Guatemala City, the birth certificate is a certified photocopy of the Civil Registry book. In other municipalities, it could be on customized forms or on Spanish paper (Papel Español).

In the absence of a birth record, a person claiming Guatemalan birth can create a record of such birth by obtaining from the Civil Registry a certificate verifying the nonexistence of birth registration, and then appearing before a Guatemalan Court with three witnesses who can swear to their knowledge of the person's place and date of birth. At the same time, affidavits from two physicians verifying the alleged age must also be submitted. Due to the relative ease with which birth records can be obtained, officers should be cautious in accepting such records created judicially. Baptismal certificates from church authorities are not recognized as legal documents by the Guatemalan government, but they can be used to prove a person's birth if the birth was not registered and the hospital's report or the midwife's report is not available.

Marriage, Divorce And Death Certificates

(TL:VISA-212; 10-04-2000)

Available. See Birth Certificate for place of issuance, fee, and description.

Spanish type paper (Papel Español) has no seals, has green numbered lines and is legal size.

Passports - Information on Travel Documents

(TL:VISA-337; 11-27-2001)

Regular Passports

Effective September 16, 1999, Guatemalan passports issued within Guatemala have had blue covers, a digitized photo, and are machine readable. On December 15, 1999, Guatemalan consulates in the United States began issuing the same type blue passport. Older versions of the Guatemalan passport have a red or maroon cover. Those passports will cease to be valid after October 31, 2001, for all travel except direct return to Guatemala.

Guatemalan embassies and consulates, other than those in the United States, issue passports abroad, with a green cover. Those passports are not machine readable, but will continue to be valid after October 31, 2001.

Diplomatic and Official Passports

Recently issued Guatemalan diplomatic and official passports have blue covers and are machine readable. Older versions of diplomatic and official passports remain valid through their expiration date.

VISA ISSUING POST

(TL:VISA-212; 10-04-2000)

Guatemala (E) All Categories

Address:

APO AA 34024

GEOGRAPHIC AREA SERVICED

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All of Guatemala.